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#### Tracy,

Thanks for your help. Again, for your reference this was 2007 SB 570. The attachment details the preferred changes to the bill. Please let me know of any concerns or questions, or feel free to contact Deborah Wham, with whom I believe you had some conversations about this bill last session. Her contact info is below, or I'd be glad to relay questions if that would be more appropriate. Thanks again.

Dave Volz Office of Sen. Darling 6-5830

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s. 448.972 Applicability

Strike (d)

Substitute "(d) The provisions of this subchapter shall not prohibit an out-of-State genetic counselor from working as a consultant, or out-of-State employer or other organization from employing genetic counselors providing occasional services, who are not licensed pursuant to this subchapter, from engaging in the practice of genetic counseling, subject to the stated circumstances and limitations as defined by the affiliated credentialing board, by regulation, so long as the genetic counselor holds a license of available in the genetic counselor's state of employment. If licensure is not available in the genetic counselor's state of employment, the genetic counselor shall be certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling or the American Board of Medical Genetics in order to practice genetic counseling without a State license in accordance with this subchapter."

√ s. 448.973 Duties and Powers of affiliated credentialing board Strike (1)(C) 3.

 $\sqrt{s}$ . 448.974 Licensure of genetic counselors (2)(d) 1. Insert "or ABMG" after ABGC

Strike s. 448.975 and substitute

Temporary License (1) The affiliated credentialing board may, by rule, provide for a temporary license to practice genetic counseling for a person who satisfies the requirements of s. 448.974, but has not successfully completed the certification exam.

(2) The temporary license shall automatically expire:

(a) on the first day the American Board of Genetic Counseling begins its examination of applicants after the board has granted the temporary license, unless its holder submits to this examination. (i.e., the prantary the two examinations)

(b) 30 days after results are issued by ABGC (if the person take the exam (3) The board may, in its discretion and only once, renew a temporary license issued to a person who retains active candidate status by ABGC under this section. The board may require an applicant for the renewal of a temporary license to appear before a member of the board for an interview.

(4) A person who holds a temporary license may not practice genetic counseling unless the person is under the supervision and direction of a genetic counselor at all times while the person is practicing genetic counseling. The affiliated credentialing board may promulgate rules governing general supervision of a person holding a temporary license under this section by a genetic counselor.

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March 12, 2008 – Introduced by Senator Darling. Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services, Insurance, and Job Creation.

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AN ACT to renumber 252.14 (1) (ar) 4q. and 448.970; to amend 15.085 (1m) (b), 146.997 (1) (d) 4., 155.01 (7), 440.08 (2) (a) 37m. and 450.10 (3) (a) 5.; and to create 15.406 (6), 48.981 (2) (a) 30., 146.81 (1) (dd), 252.14 (1) (ar) 4s., 440.03 (13) (b) 30m., 440.08 (2) (a) 37m. and subchapter VIII of chapter 448 [precedes 448.970] of the statutes; relating to: the regulation and licensure of genetic counselors, creating a genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board, requiring the exercise of rule—making authority, and providing a penalty.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a person who practices genetic counseling to be licensed by a seven-member genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board (board), created by the bill. The board consists of four persons licensed under the bill, two persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery, and one public member. The board members serve four-year terms.

The bill defines genetic counseling as interpreting, analyzing, integrating, and delivering any of the following to individuals and families: 1) individual and family medical histories; 2) education and information about inheritance, genetic testing, management, prevention, resources, and research; and 3) social and psychological support. In addition, the foregoing activities do not satisfy the definition of "genetic counseling" unless they are performed for the following purposes: 1) to provide

guidance about the medical, psychological, and familial implications of genetic contributions to disease; 2) to assess the mode of inheritance and chance of occurrence or recurrence of conditions with a genetic component; or 3) to promote informed choices and adaptations to a risk or condition.

The following persons are exempt from the bill's licensure requirement: 1) any person lawfully practicing within the scope of a license, permit, registration, or certification granted by the state or the federal government; 2) any person assisting and under the direct supervision of a licensed genetic counselor; 3) certain students of genetic counseling who are assisting a genetic counselor; and 4) a person who is licensed to practice genetic counseling in another state or country and is providing assistance to a genetic counselor licensed in this state.)

To qualify for licensure under the bill, a person must have completed a degree-granting educational program in genetic counseling approved by the board and accredited by the American Board of Senetic Counseling (ABGC). In addition, the person must have passed either an examination administered by ABGC or the genetic counseling exampadministered by the American Board of Madical Genetics. Finally, the person must obtain and maintain certification with ABGC. The board may waive these requirements for a person who holds an unexpired genetic counselor license issued by another state or territory if the board determines that the requirements for licensure and renewal are substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure and renewal in this state. If the person completed a degree-granting educational program in genetic counseling that is not in the United States, the person must satisfy any additional requirements established by the board by rule.

This bill permits the board to provide, by rule, for the issuance of a temporary license to a person who has not passed the requisite exam; the temporary license may be renewed only once. A person holding a temporary license may practice genetic counseling only under the supervision of a person licensed under the bill.

The bill also authorizes the board to make investigations and conduct hearings to determine whether a violation of the bill has occurred. The board may reprimand a genetic counselor or deny, limit, suspend, or revoke a license granted under the bill if a genetic counselor or applicant for licensure has engaged in prohibited conduct. The bill requires the board to revoke the license of a genetic counselor who has failed to maintain certification with ABGC or whose certification with ABGC has been revoked.

The bill requires the board to promulgate rules that define the standards of practice of genetic counseling and permits the board to define the scope of practice of genetic counseling. In addition, this bill also does each of the following: 1) makes current law regarding the preservation, destruction, and confidentiality of patient health care records applicable to genetic counselors; 2) includes genetic counselors in the definition of "health care provider" for the requirements under current law for powers of attorney for health care and for the prohibition under current law on discrimination related to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; 3) requires a genetic counselor, like other professionals under current law, to make certain reports regarding abused or neglected children; and 4) provides to genetic counselors the

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same protection from discipline under current law that is available to other health care professionals who make certain reports regarding violations of laws applicable to pharmacists or controlled substances or of laws or clinical or ethical standards by health care facilities, health care providers, or employees of such facilities or providers.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

# The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**SECTION 1.** 15.085 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.085 (1m) (b) The public members of the physical therapists affiliated credentialing board, podiatrists affiliated credentialing board, or occupational therapists affiliated credentialing board, or genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board shall not be engaged in any profession or occupation concerned with the delivery of physical or mental health care.

**SECTION 2.** 15.406 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

- 15.406 **(6)** Genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board. There is created in the department of regulation and licensing, attached to the medical examining board, a genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:
  - (a) Four genetic counselors who are licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448.
- (b) Two members who are licensed to practice medicine and surgery under subch. II of ch. 448, one of whom is a clinical geneticist.
  - (c) One public member.
- **SECTION 3.** 48.981 (2) (a) 30. of the statutes is created to read:
- 17 **48**.981 **(2)** (a) 30. A genetic counselor.
- **SECTION 4.** 146.81 (1) (dd) of the statutes is created to read:

1	146.81 (1) (dd) A genetic counselor licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448.
2	SECTION 5. 146.997 (1) (d) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:
3	146.997 (1) (d) 4. A physician, podiatrist, perfusionist, physical therapist, or
4	physical therapist assistant, or genetic counselor licensed under ch. 448.
5	<b>SECTION 6.</b> 155.01 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:
6	155.01 (7) "Health care provider" means a nurse licensed or permitted under
7	ch. 441, a chiropractor licensed under ch. 446, a dentist licensed under ch. 447, a
8	physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, podiatrist, physical therapist, physical
9	therapist assistant, occupational therapist, or occupational therapy assistant, or
10	genetic counselor licensed under ch. 448, a person practicing Christian Science
11	treatment, an optometrist licensed under ch. 449, a psychologist licensed under ch.
12	455, a partnership thereof, a corporation or limited liability company thereof that
13	provides health care services, an operational cooperative sickness care plan
14	organized under ss. 185.981 to 185.985 that directly provides services through
15	salaried employees in its own facility, or a home health agency, as defined in s. 50.49
16	(1) (a).
17	<b>SECTION 7.</b> 252.14 (1) (ar) 4q. of the statutes is renumbered 252.14 (1) (ar) 4n.
18	SECTION 8. 252.14 (1) (ar) 4s. of the statutes is created to read:
19	252.14 (1) (ar) 4s. A genetic counselor licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448.
20	SECTION 9. 440.03 (13) (b) 30m. of the statutes is created to read:
21	440.03 <b>(13)</b> (b) 30m. Genetic counselor.
22	SECTION 10. 440.08 (2) (a) 37m. of the statutes is created to read:
23	440.08 (2) (a) 37m. Genetic counselor: November 1 of each odd-numbered year;
24	<b>\$106</b> .

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4	1	SECTION 11. 440.08 (2) (a) 37m. of the statutes, as created by 2007 Wisconsin				
	2	Act (this act), is amended to read:				
	3	440.08 (2) (a) 37m. Genetic counselor: November 1 of each odd-numbered year;				
\	4	\$106.				
٧	5	SECTION 12. Subchapter VIII of chapter 448 [precedes 448.970] of the statutes				
	6	is created to read:				
	7	CHAPTER 448				
	8	SUBCHAPTER VIII				
	9	9 GENETIC COUNSELORS AFFILIATED				
	10	0 CREDENTIALING BOARD				
	11	1 448.970 Definitions. In this subchapter:				
	12	(1) "Affiliated credentialing board" means the genetic counselors affiliated				
	13	credentialing board.				
	14	(2) "American Board of Genetic Counseling" includes a successor organizati				
	15	as determined by the affiliated credentialing board.				
	16	(3) "Genetic counseling" means the interpretation, analysis, integration, and				
	17	delivery of any of the following to individuals and families to provide guidance about				
	18	the medical, psychological, and familial implications of genetic contributions to				
	19	disease; to assess the mode of inheritance and chance of occurrence or recurrence of				
	20	conditions with a genetic component; or to promote informed choices and adaptations				
	21	to a risk or condition:				
	22	(a) Individual and family medical histories.				
	23	(b) Education and information about inheritance, genetic testing,				
	24	management, prevention, resources, and research.				
	25	(c) Social and psychological support.				

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(4)	"Genetic counselor"	means an individual	who is licensed b	y the affiliated

- **448.971 License required. (1)** Except as provided in s. 448.972, no person may practice genetic counseling unless the person is licensed under this subchapter.
- (2) No person may designate himself or herself as a genetic counselor or use or assume the title "genetic associate," "genetic counselor," "licensed genetic counselor," or "registered genetic counselor," or append to the person's name the letters "G.A.," "G.C.," "L.G.C.," or "R.G.C.," or use any insignia or designation that would imply that the individual is licensed or certified or registered as a genetic counselor, or claim to render genetic counseling services unless the person is licensed under this subchapter.
- **448.972 Applicability. (1)** A license is not required under this subchapter for any of the following if the person does not claim to be a genetic counselor:
- (a) Any person lawfully practicing within the scope of a license, permit, registration, or certification granted by this state or the federal government.
- (b) Any person assisting a genetic counselor in practice under the direct, on–premises supervision of the genetic counselor.
- (c) A student of genetic counseling assisting a genetic counselor in the practice of genetic counseling if the assistance is within the scope of the student's education or training.
- (d) A person who is licensed to practice genetic counseling in another state or country and is providing a consultation or demonstration with a genetic counselor who is licensed under this subchapter.

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448.973 Duties and powers of affiliated credentialing board. (1) The
affiliated credentialing board shall promulgate rules that establish each of the
following:

- (a) Standards of practice for and a code of ethics governing the professional conduct of genetic counselors.
- (b) Criteria for the approval of continuing education programs and courses required for renewal of a genetic counselor license.
- (c) Requirements for an applicant seeking renewal of a genetic counselor license, including that an applicant do all of the following:
- Successfully complete the minimum number of hours of continuing 1. education.
- Maintain certification from and, if applicable, achieve recertification through the American Board of Genetic Counseling.
  - 3. Demonstrate continued competence in genetic counseling.
- (2) The affiliated credentialing board may promulgate rules that define the scope of practice of genetic counseling.
  - **448.974** Licensure of genetic counselors. (1) Except as provided in sub. (2), the affiliated credentialing board shall grant a license as a genetic counselor to a person who does all of the following:
  - (a) Submits an application for the license to the department on a form provided by the department.
    - (b) Pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1).
  - (c) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, submits evidence satisfactory to the affiliated credentialing board that the applicant does not have an arrest or a conviction record.

1	(d) Submits evidence satisfactory to the affiliated credentialing board that he	
2	or she has done all of the following:	
3	1. Successfully completed the academic and clinical requirements of and	
4	developed the practice-based competencies required by a degree-granting program	
5 (6)	in genetic counseling approved by the affiliated credentialing board and accredited by the American Board of Genetic Counseling.	enetics
7	2. Passed an examination administered by the American Board of Genetic	
8	Counseling or the genetic counseling examination administered by the American	
9	Board of Medical Genetics.	
10	3. Obtained certification, maintained valid certification, and, if applicable,	
11	achieved recertification with the American Board of Genetic Counseling.	
12	(e) If the person was educated in a degree-granting program in genetic	
13	counseling that is not in the United States, the person satisfies any additional	
14	requirements for demonstrating competence to practice genetic counseling that the	
15	affiliated credentialing board may establish by rule.	
16	(2) The affiliated credentialing board may waive the requirements of sub. (1)	
17	(d) if a person holds an unexpired genetic counselor license issued by another state	
18	or territory or foreign country or province and the requirements for licensure and for	
19	renewal of a genetic counselor license of such other state or territory or foreign	
20	country or province are deemed by the affiliated credentialing board to be	
21	substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure and for renewal of a	
22	genetic counselor license of this state.	
23	448.975 Temporary license. The affiliated credentialing board may, by rule,	
24	provide for a temporary license to practice genetic counseling for a person who	

satisfies the requirements of s. 448.974 and who has applied for active candidate

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status with the American Board of Genetic Counseling but who has not passed an examination funder s. 448.974 (1) (d) 2. The board may issue a temporary license which shall expire 60 days after the next examination for licensure is given by the American Board of Genetic Counseling or on the date following the examination on which the American Board of Genetic Counseling reports the results of the examination, whichever occurs first; but the temporary license shall automatically expire on the first day the American Board of Genetic Counseling begins its examination of applicants after the board has granted the temporary license, unless its holder submits to examination on such date. The board may, in its discretion and only once, renew a temporary license issued to a person under this section. The board may require an applicant for the renewal of a temporary license to appear before a member of the board for an interview. A person who holds a temporary license may not practice genetic counseling unless the person is under the supervision and direction of a genetic counselor at all times while the person is practicing genetic counseling. The affiliated credentialing board may promulgate rules governing general supervision of a person holding a temporary license under this section by a genetic counselor.

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**448.976 Issuance of license; expiration and renewal.** (1) The department shall issue a certificate of licensure to each person who is licensed under this subchapter.

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(2) The renewal dates for licenses granted under this subchapter are specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a). Renewal applications shall be submitted to the department on a form provided by the department, and shall include the renewal fee specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a) and proof of compliance with the requirements established by rules promulgated by the affiliated credentialing board pursuant to s. 448.973 (1) (c).

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448.977 Disciplinary proceedings and actions. (1) Subject to the rules
promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the affiliated credentialing board may make
investigations and conduct hearings to determine whether a violation of this
subchapter or any rule promulgated under this subchapter has occurred.
(2) Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the affiliated
credentialing board may reprimand a genetic counselor or may deny, limit, suspend,
or revoke a license granted under this subchapter if it finds that the applicant or
genetic counselor has done any of the following:
(a) Made a material misstatement in an application for a license or for renewal
of a license.
(b) Interfered with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding by using threats,
harassment, or intentional misrepresentation of facts.
(c) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, been convicted of an offense the
circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of genetic counseling.
(d) Been adjudicated mentally incompetent by a court.
(e) Advertised in a manner that is false, deceptive, or misleading.
(f) Advertised, practiced, or attempted to practice under another's name.
(g) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.34, practiced or assisted in the
practice of genetic counseling while the applicant's or licensee's ability to practice or
assist was impaired by alcohol or other drugs.
(h) Engaged in unprofessional or unethical conduct in violation of the code of
ethics established in the rules promulgated under s. 448.973 (1) (a).
(i) Engaged in conduct while practicing genetic counseling that evidences a lack
of knowledge or ability to apply professional principles or skills.
(j) Violated this subchapter or any rule promulgated under this subchapter.

- (3) The affiliated credentialing board shall revoke the license of a genetic counselor who has failed to maintain certification with the American Board of Genetic Counseling or whose certification with the American Board of Genetic Counseling has been revoked.
- (4) (a) A genetic counselor may voluntarily surrender his or her license to the affiliated credentialing board, which may refuse to accept the surrender if the affiliated credentialing board has received allegations of unprofessional conduct against the genetic counselor. The affiliated credentialing board may negotiate stipulations in consideration for accepting the surrender of licenses.
- (b) The affiliated credentialing board may restore a license that has been voluntarily surrendered under par. (a) on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate.
- (5) The affiliated credentialing board shall prepare and disseminate to the public an annual report that describes final disciplinary action taken against genetic counselors during the preceding year.
- **(6)** The affiliated credentialing board may report final disciplinary action taken against a genetic counselor to any national database that includes information about disciplinary action taken against health care professionals.
- 448.978 Injunctive relief. If the affiliated credentialing board has reason to believe that any person is violating this subchapter or any rule promulgated under this subchapter, the affiliated credentialing board, the department, the attorney general, or the district attorney of the proper county may investigate and may, in addition to any other remedies, bring an action in the name and on behalf of this state to enjoin the person from the violation.

1	<b>448.979 Penalties.</b> Any person who violates this subchapter or any rule
2	promulgated under this subchapter may be fined not more than \$10,000 or
3	imprisoned for not more than 9 months or both.
4	SECTION 13. 448.970 of the statutes is renumbered 448.9695.
5	<b>SECTION 14.</b> 450.10 (3) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:
6	450.10 (3) (a) 5. A physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, physical
7	therapist, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, $\theta \mathbf{r}$ occupational
8	therapy assistant, or genetic counselor licensed under ch. 448.
9	SECTION 15. Nonstatutory provisions.
10	(1) Initial appointments. Notwithstanding the lengths of the terms specified
11	in section 15.406 (6) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by this act, the initial members
12	of the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board shall be initially appointed
13	for the following terms:
14	(a) One genetic counselor and one person licensed to practice medicine and
15	surgery under subchapter II of chapter 448 of the statutes who is a clinical geneticist,
16)	for terms expiring on July 1, 2008. 2010
17	(b) One genetic counselor and one person licensed to practice medicine and
18	surgery under subchapter II of chapter 448 of the statutes, for terms expiring on July
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20	(c) Two genetic counselors and one public member, for terms expiring on July
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22	(2) Qualifications of initial members of the genetic counselors affiliated
23	CREDENTIALING BOARD. Notwithstanding section 15.406 (6) of the statutes, as created
24	by this act, an initial member of the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board
25	appointed under section 15.406 (6) of the statutes is not required to be a licensed

genetic counselor under section 448.974 of the statutes, as created by this act, if the appointment occurs before the effective date of this subsection and at the time of the appointment the individual holds a valid certification issued by the American Board of Genetic Counseling as defined in section 448.970 (2) of the statutes, as created by this act.

(3) RULE MAKING

- (a) The genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board shall submit in proposed form the rules required under section 448.973 of the statutes, as created by this act, to the legislative council staff under section 227.15 (1) of the statutes no later than the first day of the 8th month beginning after the effective date of this paragraph.
- (b) Using the procedure under section 227.24 of the statutes, the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board may promulgate rules required under section 448.973 of the statutes, as created by this act, for the period before the effective date of the rules submitted under paragraph (a), but not to exceed the period authorized under section 227.24 (1) (c) and (2) of the statutes. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (a), (2) (b), and (3) of the statutes, the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this paragraph as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this paragraph.

**SECTION 16. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the first day of the 13th month beginning after publication except as follows:

(1) The treatment of sections 15.085 (1m) (b) and 15.406 (6) of the statutes and Section 15 of this act take effect on the day after publication.

SECTION 16

(2) The amendment of section 440.08 (2) (a) 37m. of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2009.

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4) A person licensed as a genetic counselor in another state or country who is authorized by the board to provide consulting services in this state on a temporary basis, as defined by the board by rule; and 5) a person who is not licensed as a genetic counselor in another state but who is certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling or the American Board of Medical Genetics and is authorized by the board to provide consulting services in this state on a temporary basis, as defined by the board by rule

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- (d) A person who is licensed to practice genetic counseling in another state or country and who is providing consulting services in this state on a temporary basis, as determined by the affiliated credentialing board by rule, if the person notifies the affiliated credentialing board that he or she will be providing consulting services and of the nature and date of those services and receives authorization from the affiliated credentialing board to provide consulting services on a temporary basis under this paragraph.
- (e) A person who is not licensed to practice genetic counseling in another state or country and who is providing consulting services in this state on a temporary basis, as determined by the affiliated credentialing board by rule, if the person satisfies all of the following:
- The person is certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling or the American Board of Medical Genetics.
- 2. The person notifies the affiliated credentialing board that he or she will be providing consulting services and of the nature and date of those services.
- 3. The person receives authorization from the affiliated credentialing board to provide consulting services on a temporary basis under this paragraph.

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- (2) A temporary license issued under this section shall expire on whichever of the following dates and circumstances apply to the person who obtains the temporary license under this section:
- (a) If, after the person obtains a temporary license under this section, the American Board of Genetic Counseling administers the examination required under s. 448.974 (1) (d) 2. and the person does not take the examination, the date on which the examination is administered.
- (b) If, after the person obtains a temporary license under this section, the American Board of Genetic Counseling administers the examination required under s. 448.974 (1) (d) 2. and the person does take the examination, 30 days after the results of the examination are issued by the American Board of Genetic Counseling.

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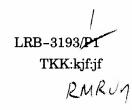
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AN ACT to renumber 252.14 (1) (ar) 4q. and 448.970; to amend 15.085 (1m) (b), 146.997 (1) (d) 4., 155.01 (7) and 450.10 (3) (a) 5.; and to create 15.406 (6), 48.981 (2) (a) 30., 146.81 (1) (dd), 252.14 (1) (ar) 4s., 440.03 (13) (b) 30m., 440.08 (2) (a) 37m. and subchapter VIII of chapter 448 [precedes 448.970] of the statutes; relating to: the regulation and licensure of genetic counselors, creating a genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.

#### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a person who practices genetic counseling to be licensed by a seven-member genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board (board), created by the bill. The board consists of four persons licensed under the bill, two persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery, and one public member. The board members serve four-year terms.

The bill defines genetic counseling as interpreting, analyzing, integrating, and delivering any of the following to individuals and families: 1) individual and family medical histories; 2) education and information about inheritance, genetic testing, management, prevention, resources, and research; and 3) social and psychological support. In addition, the foregoing activities do not satisfy the definition of "genetic counseling" unless they are performed for the following purposes: 1) to provide

guidance about the medical, psychological, and familial implications of genetic contributions to disease; 2) to assess the mode of inheritance and chance of occurrence or recurrence of conditions with a genetic component; or 3) to promote informed choices and adaptations to a risk or condition.

The following persons are exempt from the bill's licensure requirement: 1) any person lawfully practicing within the scope of a license, permit, registration, or certification granted by the state or the federal government; 2) any person assisting and under the direct supervision of a licensed genetic counselor; 3) certain students of genetic counseling who are assisting a genetic counselor; 4) a person licensed as a genetic counselor in another state or country who is authorized by the board to provide consulting services in this state on a temporary basis, as defined by the board by rule; and 5) a person who is not licensed as a genetic counselor in another state but who is certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) or the American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG) and is authorized by the board to provide consulting services in this state on a temporary basis, as defined by the board by rule.

To qualify for licensure under the bill, a person must have completed a degree-granting educational program in genetic counseling approved by the board and accredited by ABGC or ABMG. In addition, the person must have passed either an examination administered by ABGC or the genetic counseling examination administered by ABMG. Finally, the person must obtain and maintain certification with ABGC. The board may waive these requirements for a person who holds an unexpired genetic counselor license issued by another state or territory if the board determines that the requirements for licensure and renewal are substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure and renewal in this state. If the person completed a degree-granting educational program in genetic counseling that is not in the United States, the person must satisfy any additional requirements established by the board by rule.

This bill permits the board to provide, by rule, for the issuance of a temporary license to a person who has not passed the requisite examination; the temporary license may be renewed only once. A person holding a temporary license may practice genetic counseling only under the supervision of a person licensed under the bill.

The bill also authorizes the board to make investigations and conduct hearings to determine whether a violation of the bill has occurred. The board may reprimand a genetic counselor or deny, limit, suspend, or revoke a license granted under the bill if a genetic counselor or applicant for licensure has engaged in prohibited conduct. The bill requires the board to revoke the license of a genetic counselor who has failed to maintain certification with ABGC or whose certification with ABGC has been revoked.

The bill requires the board to promulgate rules that define the standards of practice of genetic counseling and permits the board to define the scope of practice of genetic counseling. In addition, this bill also does each of the following: 1) makes current law regarding the preservation, destruction, and confidentiality of patient health care records applicable to genetic counselors; 2) includes genetic counselors

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in the definition of "health care provider" for the requirements under current law for powers of attorney for health care and for the prohibition under current law on discrimination related to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; 3) requires a genetic counselor, like other professionals under current law, to make certain reports regarding abused or neglected children; and 4) provides to genetic counselors the same protection from discipline under current law that is available to other health care professionals who make certain reports regarding violations of laws applicable to pharmacists or controlled substances or of laws or clinical or ethical standards by health care facilities, health care providers, or employees of such facilities or providers.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**SECTION 1.** 15.085 (1m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.085 (1m) (b) The public members of the physical therapists affiliated credentialing board, podiatrists affiliated credentialing board, or occupational therapists affiliated credentialing board or occupation or occupation concerned with the delivery of physical or mental health care.

**SECTION 2.** 15.406 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

15.406 (6) Genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board. There is created in the department of regulation and licensing, attached to the medical examining board, a genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board consisting of the following members appointed for 4-year terms:

- (a) Four genetic counselors who are licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448.
- (b) Two members who are licensed to practice medicine and surgery under subch. II of ch. 448, one of whom is a clinical geneticist.
  - (c) One public member.

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1	SECTION 3. 48.981 (2) (a) 30. of the statutes is created to read:
2	48.981 (2) (a) 30. A genetic counselor.
3	SECTION 4. 146.81 (1) (dd) of the statutes is created to read:
4	146.81 (1) (dd) A genetic counselor licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448.
5	SECTION 5. 146.997 (1) (d) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:
6	146.997 (1) (d) 4. A physician, podiatrist, perfusionist, physical therapist, or
7	physical therapist assistant, or genetic counselor licensed under ch. 448.  SECTION 6. 155.01 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:  SECTION 6. 155.01 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:
9	155.01 (7) "Health care provider" means a nurse licensed or permitted under
10	ch. 441, a chiropractor licensed under ch. 446, a dentist licensed under ch. 447, a
11	physician, physician assistant, perfusionist, podiatrist, physical therapist, physical
12	therapist assistant, occupational therapist, or occupational therapy assistant, or
13	genetic counselor licensed under ch. 448, a person practicing Christian Science
14	treatment, an optometrist licensed under ch. 449, a psychologist licensed under ch.
15	455, a partnership thereof, a corporation or limited liability company thereof that
16)	provides health care services, an operational cooperative sighness care plan
ĭ7,	organized under st. 185.981 to 185.985 that directly provides services through
18	salaried employees in its own facility, or a home health agency, as defined in s. 50.49
19	(1) (a).
20	<b>SECTION 7.</b> 252.14 (1) (ar) 4q. of the statutes is renumbered 252.14 (1) (ar) $4n$ .
21	SECTION 8. 252.14 (1) (ar) 4s. of the statutes is created to read:
22	252.14 (1) (ar) 4s. A genetic counselor licensed under subch. VIII of ch. 448.
23	Section 9. 440.03 (13) (b) 30m. of the statutes is created to read:
24	440.03 (13) (b) 30m. Genetic counselor.
25	SECTION 10. 440.08 (2) (a) 37m. of the statutes is created to read:

1	440.08 (2) (a) 37m. Genetic counselor: November 1 of each odd-numbered year;
2	<b>\$106</b> .
3	SECTION 11. Subchapter VIII of chapter 448 [precedes 448.970] of the statutes
4	is created to read:
5	CHAPTER 448
6	SUBCHAPTER VIII
7	GENETIC COUNSELORS AFFILIATED
8	CREDENTIALING BOARD
9	448.970 Definitions. In this subchapter:
10	(1) "Affiliated credentialing board" means the genetic counselors affiliated
11	credentialing board.
12	(2) "American Board of Genetic Counseling" includes a successor organization
13	as determined by the affiliated credentialing board.
14	(3) "Genetic counseling" means the interpretation, analysis, integration, and
15	delivery of any of the following to individuals and families to provide guidance about
16	the medical, psychological, and familial implications of genetic contributions to
17	disease; to assess the mode of inheritance and chance of occurrence or recurrence of
18	conditions with a genetic component; or to promote informed choices and adaptations
19	to a risk or condition:
20	(a) Individual and family medical histories.
21	(b) Education and information about inheritance, genetic testing,
22	management, prevention, resources, and research.
23	(c) Social and psychological support.
24	(4) "Genetic counselor" means an individual who is licensed by the affiliated
25	credentialing board to practice genetic counseling.

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- **448.971** License required. (1) Except as provided in s. 448.972, no person may practice genetic counseling unless the person is licensed under this subchapter.
- (2) No person may designate himself or herself as a genetic counselor or use or assume the title "genetic associate," "genetic counselor," "licensed genetic counselor," or "registered genetic counselor," or append to the person's name the letters "G.A.," "G.C.," "L.G.C.," or "R.G.C.," or use any insignia or designation that would imply that the individual is licensed or certified or registered as a genetic counselor, or claim to render genetic counseling services unless the person is licensed under this subchapter.
- 448.972 Applicability. (1) A license is not required under this subchapter for any of the following if the person does not claim to be a genetic counselor:
- (a) Any person lawfully practicing within the scope of a license, permit, registration, or certification granted by this state or the federal government.
- (b) Any person assisting a genetic counselor in practice under the direct, on-premises supervision of the genetic counselor.
- (c) A student of genetic counseling assisting a genetic counselor in the practice of genetic counseling if the assistance is within the scope of the student's education or training.
- (d) A person who is licensed to practice genetic counseling in another state or country and who is providing consulting services in this state on a temporary basis, as determined by the affiliated credentialing board by rule, if the person notifies the affiliated credentialing board that he or she will be providing consulting services and of the nature and date of those services and receives authorization from the affiliated credentialing board to provide consulting services on a temporary basis under this paragraph.

(e) A	A person who is not licensed to practice genetic counseling in another state
or countr	y and who is providing consulting services in this state on a temporary
basis, as	determined by the affiliated credentialing board by rule, if the person
satisfies a	all of the following:
1. T	he person is certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling or the
American	Board of Medical Genetics.
2. T	The person notifies the affiliated credentialing board that he or she will be
providing	consulting services and of the nature and date of those services.
3. T	he person receives authorization from the affiliated credentialing board to
provide c	onsulting services on a temporary basis under this paragraph.
448	.973 Duties and powers of affiliated credentialing board. (1) The
affiliated	credentialing board shall promulgate rules that establish each of the
following	:
(a)	Standards of practice for and a code of ethics governing the professional
conduct o	of genetic counselors.
(b)	Criteria for the approval of continuing education programs and courses
required	for renewal of a genetic counselor license.
(c)	Requirements for an applicant seeking renewal of a genetic counselor
license, i	ncluding that an applicant do all of the following:
1.	Successfully complete the minimum number of hours of continuing
education	1.
2.	Maintain certification from and, if applicable, achieve recertification
through t	the American Board of Genetic Counseling.

(d) The definition of "temporary basis" for purposes of s. 448.972(1)(d) and (e).

1	(2) The affiliated credentialing board may promulgate rules that define the
2	scope of practice of genetic counseling.
3	448.974 Licensure of genetic counselors. (1) Except as provided in sub.
4	(2), the affiliated credentialing board shall grant a license as a genetic counselor to
5	a person who does all of the following:
6	(a) Submits an application for the license to the department on a form provided
7	by the department.
8	(b) Pays the fee specified in s. 440.05 (1).
9	(c) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, submits evidence satisfactory
10	to the affiliated credentialing board that the applicant does not have an arrest or a
11	conviction record.
12	(d) Submits evidence satisfactory to the affiliated credentialing board that he
13	or she has done all of the following:
14	1. Successfully completed the academic and clinical requirements of and
15	developed the practice-based competencies required by a degree-granting program
16	in genetic counseling approved by the affiliated credentialing board and accredited
17	by the American Board of Genetic Counseling or the American Board of Medical
18	Genetics.
19	2. Passed an examination administered by the American Board of Genetic
20	Counseling or the genetic counseling examination administered by the American
21	Board of Medical Genetics.
22	3. Obtained certification, maintained valid certification, and, if applicable,
23	achieved recertification with the American Board of Genetic Counseling.
24	(e) If the person was educated in a degree-granting program in genetic

counseling that is not in the United States, the person satisfies any additional

- requirements for demonstrating competence to practice genetic counseling that the affiliated credentialing board may establish by rule.
- (2) The affiliated credentialing board may waive the requirements of sub. (1) (d) if a person holds an unexpired genetic counselor license issued by another state or territory or foreign country or province and the requirements for licensure and for renewal of a genetic counselor license of such other state or territory or foreign country or province are deemed by the affiliated credentialing board to be substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure and for renewal of a genetic counselor license of this state.
- **448.975 Temporary license. (1)** The affiliated credentialing board may, by rule, provide for a temporary license to practice genetic counseling for a person who satisfies the requirements of s. 448.974 but who has not successfully completed the examination required under s. 448.974 (1) (d) 2.
- (2) A temporary license issued under this section shall expire on whichever of the following dates and circumstances apply to the person who obtains the temporary license under this section:
- (a) If, after the person obtains a temporary license under this section, the American Board of Genetic Counseling administers the examination required under s. 448.974 (1) (d) 2. and the person does not take the examination, the date on which the examination is administered.
- (b) If, after the person obtains a temporary license under this section, the American Board of Genetic Counseling administers the examination required under s. 448.974 (1) (d) 2. and the person does take the examination, 30 days after the results of the examination are issued by the American Board of Genetic Counseling.

- (3) The board may, in its discretion and only once, renew a temporary license issued to a person under this section if the person maintains active candidate status with the American Board of Genetic Counseling. The board may require an applicant for the renewal of a temporary license to appear before a member of the board for an interview.
- (4) A person who holds a temporary license issued under this section may not practice genetic counseling unless the person is under the supervision and direction of a genetic counselor at all times while the person is practicing genetic counseling. The affiliated credentialing board may promulgate rules governing general supervision of a person holding a temporary license under this section by a genetic counselor.
- 448.976 Issuance of license; expiration and renewal. (1) The department shall issue a certificate of licensure to each person who is licensed under this subchapter.
- (2) The renewal dates for licenses granted under this subchapter are specified under s. 440.08 (2) (a). Renewal applications shall be submitted to the department on a form provided by the department, and shall include the renewal fee specified in s. 440.08 (2) (a) and proof of compliance with the requirements established by rules promulgated by the affiliated credentialing board pursuant to s. 448.973 (1) (c).
- 448.977 Disciplinary proceedings and actions. (1) Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the affiliated credentialing board may make investigations and conduct hearings to determine whether a violation of this subchapter or any rule promulgated under this subchapter has occurred.
- (2) Subject to the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1), the affiliated credentialing board may reprimand a genetic counselor or may deny, limit, suspend,

1	or revoke a license granted under this subchapter if it finds that the applicant or
2	genetic counselor has done any of the following:
3	(a) Made a material misstatement in an application for a license or for renewal
4	of a license.
5	(b) Interfered with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding by using threats,
6	harassment, or intentional misrepresentation of facts.
7	(c) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.335, been convicted of an offense the
8	circumstances of which substantially relate to the practice of genetic counseling.
9	(d) Been adjudicated mentally incompetent by a court.
10	(e) Advertised in a manner that is false, deceptive, or misleading.
11	(f) Advertised, practiced, or attempted to practice under another's name.
12	(g) Subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322, and 111.34, practiced or assisted in the
13	practice of genetic counseling while the applicant's or licensee's ability to practice or
14	assist was impaired by alcohol or other drugs.
15	(h) Engaged in unprofessional or unethical conduct in violation of the code of
16	ethics established in the rules promulgated under s. $448.973~(1)~(a)$ .
17	(i) Engaged in conduct while practicing genetic counseling that evidences a lack
18	of knowledge or ability to apply professional principles or skills.
19	(j) Violated this subchapter or any rule promulgated under this subchapter.
20	(3) The affiliated credentialing board shall revoke the license of a genetic
21	counselor who has failed to maintain certification with the American Board of
22	Genetic Counseling or whose certification with the American Board of Genetic
23	Counseling has been revoked.
24	(4) (a) A genetic counselor may voluntarily surrender his or her license to the

affiliated credentialing board, which may refuse to accept the surrender if the

- affiliated credentialing board has received allegations of unprofessional conduct against the genetic counselor. The affiliated credentialing board may negotiate stipulations in consideration for accepting the surrender of licenses.
- (b) The affiliated credentialing board may restore a license that has been voluntarily surrendered under par. (a) on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate.
- (5) The affiliated credentialing board shall prepare and disseminate to the public an annual report that describes final disciplinary action taken against genetic counselors during the preceding year.
- (6) The affiliated credentialing board may report final disciplinary action taken against a genetic counselor to any national database that includes information about disciplinary action taken against health care professionals.
- 448.978 Injunctive relief. If the affiliated credentialing board has reason to believe that any person is violating this subchapter or any rule promulgated under this subchapter, the affiliated credentialing board, the department, the attorney general, or the district attorney of the proper county may investigate and may, in addition to any other remedies, bring an action in the name and on behalf of this state to enjoin the person from the violation.
- 448.979 Penalties. Any person who violates this subchapter or any rule promulgated under this subchapter may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 9 months or both.
  - **SECTION 12.** 448.970 of the statutes is renumbered 448.9695.
- **SECTION 13.** 450.10 (3) (a) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

450.10 (3) (a) 5. A physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, or genetic counselor licensed under ch. 448.

#### SECTION 14. Nonstatutory provisions.

- (1) Initial appointments. Notwithstanding the lengths of the terms specified in section 15.406 (6) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by this act, the initial members of the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board shall be initially appointed for the following terms:
- (a) One genetic counselor and one person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under subchapter II of chapter 448 of the statutes who is a clinical geneticist, for terms expiring on July 1, 2010.
- (b) One genetic counselor and one person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under subchapter II of chapter 448 of the statutes, for terms expiring on July 1, 2011.
- (c) Two genetic counselors and one public member, for terms expiring on July 1, 2012.
- (2) QUALIFICATIONS OF INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE GENETIC COUNSELORS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD. Notwithstanding section 15.406 (6) of the statutes, as created by this act, an initial member of the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board appointed under section 15.406 (6) of the statutes is not required to be a licensed genetic counselor under section 448.974 of the statutes, as created by this act, if the appointment occurs before the effective date of this subsection and at the time of the appointment the individual holds a valid certification issued by the American Board of Genetic Counseling as defined in section 448.970 (2) of the statutes, as created by this act.

- (a) The genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board shall submit in proposed form the rules required under section 448.973 of the statutes, as created by this act, to the legislative council staff under section 227.15 (1) of the statutes no later than the first day of the 8th month beginning after the effective date of this paragraph.
- (b) Using the procedure under section 227.24 of the statutes, the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board may promulgate rules required under section 448.973 of the statutes, as created by this act, for the period before the effective date of the rules submitted under paragraph (a), but not to exceed the period authorized under section 227.24 (1) (c) and (2) of the statutes. Notwithstanding section 227.24 (1) (a), (2) (b), and (3) of the statutes, the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board is not required to provide evidence that promulgating a rule under this paragraph as an emergency rule is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, or welfare and is not required to provide a finding of emergency for a rule promulgated under this paragraph.

**SECTION 15. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the first day of the 13th month beginning after publication except as follows:

(1) The treatment of sections 15.085 (1m) (b) and 15.406 (6) of the statutes and Section 14 of this act take effect on the day after publication.

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